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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a math and science  
2 education improvement grant program, and providing  
3 appropriations.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 2088XS 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.36A MATH AND SCIENCE  
1 2 EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM == APPROPRIATIONS.  
1 3 1. a. The department shall establish a math and science  
1 4 education improvement grant program to provide grants to area  
1 5 education agencies, community colleges, and school districts  
1 6 to provide regional or cooperative programs for the following  
1 7 purposes:  
1 8 (1) Teacher training and professional development.  
1 9 (2) Supplemental math, science, engineering, and other  
1 10 technology-oriented educational opportunities for students,  
1 11 including opportunities for low-income, female, and minority  
1 12 students.  
1 13 (3) Internships and workplace learning opportunities.  
1 14 (4) Expansion and alignment of curriculum.  
1 15 b. Participation of Iowa businesses or business  
1 16 organizations is required in order to receive grant funds.  
1 17 c. Not more than two percent of the grant amount awarded  
1 18 shall be spent for administrative costs.  
1 19 d. The department, in consultation with business  
1 20 organizations, shall award grants and require regular reports  
1 21 from recipients regarding uses of grants and progress of  
1 22 projects.  
1 23 2. a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
1 24 state to the department of education for the following budget  
1 25 years the following amounts to be awarded as grants pursuant  
1 26 to the program:  
1 27 (1) Five hundred thousand dollars in the budget year  
1 28 beginning July 1, 2007.  
1 29 (2) One million dollars in the budget year beginning July  
1 30 1, 2008.  
1 31 (3) One million five hundred thousand dollars in the  
1 32 budget year beginning July 1, 2009, and each subsequent budget  
1 33 year through the budget year beginning July 1, 2016.  
1 34 b. (1) Math and science education improvement grants  
1 35 shall be awarded on an annual basis. However, grant awards  
2 1 shall be limited based on previous grant amounts awarded in a  
2 2 region, so that no more than five hundred thousand dollars in  
2 3 grants is received in one region in any one year. For the  
2 4 purposes of this section, "region" means an area education  
2 5 agency region as determined by the boundaries in effect as of  
2 6 January 1, 2007.  
2 7 (2) A math and science education improvement grant may be  
2 8 awarded for a project lasting up to three years.  
2 9 EXPLANATION  
2 10 This bill establishes a grant program in the department of  
2 11 education to promote math and science education improvements.  
2 12 The bill states that the grants will be allocated to area  
2 13 education agencies, community colleges, and school districts  
2 14 to provide regional and cooperative programs for these  
2 15 purposes: teacher training and professional development;  
2 16 supplemental math, science, engineering, and other  
2 17 technology-oriented educational opportunities for students,  
2 18 including low-income, female, and minority students;  
2 19 internships and workplace learning opportunities; and

2 20 expansion and alignment of curriculum.  
2 21 The bill requires that Iowa businesses or organizations be  
2 22 involved with the programs being funded by the grants. The  
2 23 bill also requires that not more than 2 percent of grant funds  
2 24 be spent on administrative costs.  
2 25 The bill requires that the department of education, in  
2 26 consultation with business organizations, award the grants and  
2 27 monitor the recipients, including requiring the recipients to  
2 28 report on the uses of the grant funds and the progress of the  
2 29 projects.  
2 30 The bill sets out the amount of funds available for grants  
2 31 from the budget year beginning July 1, 2007, through the  
2 32 budget year beginning July 1, 2016. In the budget year  
2 33 beginning July 1, 2007, \$500,000 is available in grant funds.  
2 34 In the budget year beginning July 1, 2008, \$1 million is  
2 35 available in grant funds. In the budget year beginning July  
3 1 1, 2009, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2016,  
3 2 \$1,500,000 is available in grant funds.  
3 3 The bill specifies that grants shall be awarded annually.  
3 4 However, a total of not more than \$500,000 in grant awards  
3 5 shall be awarded to any one region in any one year. "Region"  
3 6 means an area education agency region, as determined by  
3 7 boundaries as of January 1, 2007. A grant may be awarded for  
3 8 a project lasting up to three years.  
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